FISHERY

22. In order to increase the supply of fish, a new scheme for pond stocking of fish was introduced during the year. Fingerlings will be stocked in public tanks in different parts of the State. A beginning has been made with the tanks in the Trichur District. It is also proposed to supply fingerlings for stocking in private tanks at a moderate cost. In order to collect and stock fingerlings of back-water species, suitable for culture, a fry station will be opened at Neendakara.

VETERINARY

23. My Government are making sustained efforts to improve the livestock in the State. The State Veterinary Department has taken up several schemes in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. One of the schemes is for improvement of cattle by controlled scientific breeding in selected areas. The local cows will be graded up with approved bulls of the Red Sindhi and Kangayam breeds. She-buffaloes will be graded up with bulls of the Murrah and Surati breeds. Anotheer scheme is for the improvement of the Malabar Goat, by proper selective breeding.

24. A poultry farm will be opened at Trivandrum where superior breeds of fowls will be reared, and selected cockbirds will be distributed from the farm for grading up the country fowl. Hatching eggs and birds will also be sold to the public from the farm.

CO-OPERATION

25. Under the guidance and encouragement of my Government the Co-operative movement in the State is rapidly extending itself to several new fields. Cottage industries, Grow More Food Campaign, house-building schemes; rationed food grains and yarn distribution, schools, restaurants—all these have been taken up by Co-operative Societies and are being worked with commendable success.

COLONISATION AND SETTLEMENT

26. There are a large number of poor people in the State who live on other people's lands. My Government are anxious to enable them to have homes of their own. Already 32,000 acres of land have been leased out from forest and other areas under the Grow More Food Scheme. This area will have risen to 50,000 acres by the end of 1951. My Government propose to settle at least 100 co-operative colonies on these lands. A special officer will be appointed to organise the colonies and a full-time Secretary or Manager appointed and paid by Government will be in charge of each colony.

27. Lands will also be provided in each village for as many as possible of the homeless people in the village. House sites will be made available for them from the unoccupied lands belonging to the Government. Some of the bigger land-owners have gladly offered to co-operate with my Government in this scheme and to make free gifts of lands. Where necessary, more lands can be acquired on payment of compensation. Those who wish to settle down on these properties will be helped by free supply of building materials. Sanitary arrangements, public lights etc., will also be provided at Government cost.

BACKWARD CLASSES

28. The improvement of the social and economic condition of the backward communities has been one of the aims which my Government have always kept before themselves. Special educational facilities are being given to their pupils in schools as well as colleges. 289 students are at present receiving University education, of whom 4 are in the Medical College, one in the Law College and one in the Research Department. A sum of Rs. 3 lakhs was distributed during the

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